

Export of Pet Foods Containing NO Animal Origin Ingredients except for those Derived from Fish or Milk or Gelatin

Technically, no animal health certificate is required for the export of pet food containing no animal origin ingredients except for those derived from fish or milk or gelatin.

However, to avoid delay at the Taiwanese port, exporters may wish to obtain a VS Form 16-4 with the following certification statements:

"This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

The certified pet food was produced at the following manufacturer: [Insert manufacturing plant name and address.]

The certified pet food contains no animal origin ingredients except for the following ingredients derived from fish or milk or gelatin: [Insert name of each animal origin ingredient, and whether each ingredient is derived from fish or milk or gelatin.]

The animal protein ingredients (except dairy) were not derived from cattle, sheep, goat, or other animals susceptible to bovine spongiform encephalopathy from areas officially declared by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, as bovine spongiform encephalopathy infected areas. The exported product was not produced from any ruminant animals or ruminant products (prohibited by Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 94 and 95) imported from Canada after May 20, 2003.

There has been no commingling of any ingredients with any ruminant origin items (except dairy or gelatin) from any BSE country at any time."